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INFORMATION REPORT

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Recognition Signals

1. (a) Cartridges

With effect from 1 April 1953, six new recognition cartridges came into force throughout the whole of the Seepolizei. They consist of six coloured stars of red, green and white as follows:

Cartridge No. 1: 3 white and 3 green stars

Cartridge No. 2: 3 green and 3 red stars

Cartridge No. 3: 3 red and 3 white stars

Cartridge No. 4: 6 white stars

Cartridge No. 5: 6 green stars

Cartridge No. 6: 6 red stars

If any unit is challenged via the appropriate cartridge of the day, it is to answer by the appropriate recognition cartridge. The cartridge is changed at midnight. Any alteration to this plan is ordered by radio.

(b) Letters

2-letter groups for recognition are in use, e.g. challenge with one 2-letter group, reply with another 2-letter group. These 2-letter groups, which are in operation for a month, are published by the communications section.

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RE-REVIEW

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Personality

2. The Chief of the VPS communications branch is Oberst Wesolek. Further details unknown.

KS-Boat Exercises

3. New KS-boats are training in the area south of Adlergrund. The exercises consist of practical seagoing experience for officers and men, and firing exercises with 2 cm guns on moving targets.
4. The Soviet adviser and his deputy PK (names unknown) were on board during the exercises. They deemed the results to be below average. The Sea Police excuse was that most of the officers and men had had too little experience as it was their first time on board.

Compulsory Channel (Zwangsweg) for use between Warnemünde and Wismar

5. The sweeping of a new compulsory channel between Warnemünde and Wismar, proposed in early Spring of 1953, has been postponed. The reason is unknown.

R-Boats

6. R-boats, having mainly new crews, are employed on mine-sweeping exercises using Oropesa gear (Scherdrachenraeumgeraet) and magnetic towing gear (Kabelferarraeumgeraet) in the exercise area south of Adlergrund.

Coastal Defense

7. A new policy in coastal defense training has been published. The crews of the KS-boats are being trained on the lines that boats will go to sea for about 4 days a week, during which time they will be generally based on the port of Sassnitz.

Sassnitz8.a Diving School

Approximately 35 pupils are carrying out a 12-week diving course and are accommodated in the Rescue & Salvage Kommando's (RBK) new buildings in Sassnitz. The exercises are being carried out on the "LUMME" and when qualified, pupils are entitled to wear a diver's badge on their arm. The only diving instructor supervises the course.

b Floating Crane

A new 100 ton floating crane built at an unknown inland yard is now at the disposal of the Salvage Unit. The crew consists of approximately 10 men who are technical specialists. The crane and winch installations on the pontoon are accessible to these men only.

MLR Boats

9. The exact dates for the completion of the MLR boats are still not known because all plans and installations are in the hands of the Technical Department of the Seepolizei. [redacted] the radius of action is expected to be the same as the Type 35 M/S boats of the former Kriegsmarine.

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Details: Crew: 80 men

Armament: Two 8.8 cm guns, one 3.7 cm AA gun, three 2 cm twin mountings. At the same time installations are in hand to allow the carriage of about 80 mines. It is intended that the guns shall all be of German manufacture.

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Steering: Helm connected to an electrical motor which turns the rudder.

Russian Arms

10. Russian arms are in use by the KVP, but they are not yet being used by the Seepolizei. No further training material of Russian origin is being delivered and all arms and material is to be produced by DDR factories.

Heringsdorf

11. Administrative Courses, which took place during the winter at the Sea Police Convalescent Home at Heringsdorf, are to be discontinued there for the summer season. Instead, they will be transferred to Berlin - Niederschoeneweide, Schnellerstrasse, May 1953. The first course at the new centre will consist mainly of mess and base administration training. It is estimated that approximately 150 men have been trained at the Heringsdorf courses.

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